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Script for Silent Skit

Middle Passage:

David:(walks in and starts yelling and pointing at people)

Jess and Adam:(follow David onto the ship)

John:”During the 18th century many African people were taken from their homes and forced onto slave ships. Then they would be shipped to America through a trade route called the Middle Passage.”

Jess and Adam:(are on the ship and can’t move because they have no room. And then Adam comes down with a sickness and dies but is just left there. Then Jess is in a slave rebellion on the ship)

David:(stops the slave rebellion and then punishes with a whipping)

John:”when blacks died on a slave ship they were either left there or thrown off. Since they are chained to other people when they are thrown off so are the others. On the other hand if they are just left a slave is stuck sitting next to a dead body for weeks.”

Jess and Adam: (survive the journey and walk off the ship in sadness. They are then sold to a plantation owner. Go through the whole selling process, David becomes buyer.)

David:(buys Jess and Adam through an auction.)

John:”many slaves were sold to Americans. More than half died on their way to America, whether on the journey to the ships or on the ships.”

Luke Collingwood:

David:(is looking at the slaves to check on them)

Adam:(is lying there sick and dieing so David takes him up top)

Jess:(is chained to Adam so has to come too)

John:”Luke Collingwood, a slave owner from Liverpool, England, was transporting slaves from Africa to Jamaica to make a profit when some of the slaves on his ship become sick. He decides to throw the sickest slaves off the ship because if sick slaves were on the ship and died, the captain and owner would be charged for the value of the slaves. However, if the slaves are jettisoned off the ship, the owner and captain would be reimbursed the value of the slaves to protect the welfare of the crew.”

David:(brings Adam and Jess over to the side of the ship and pushes them off)

John:”Luke Collingwood would do this because he wants to protect the welfare of the ship and he would get reimbursed for the value of the slaves thrown off the ship.”

Haiti Rebellion:

Jess and Adam:(yelling and rioting and pushing everything over)

David:(trying to calm people down and using force)

John:”The blacks in Haiti formed a rebellion under a leader named Toussaint L’Oveture. They were given their rights after the rebellion because they were formidable.”

Jess and Adam:(beat down David then start cheering in the streets because they won)

David:(lays on the ground because he is dead)

All but David ”Cheer because they got their rights”

Phillis Wheatley Life of Poems: